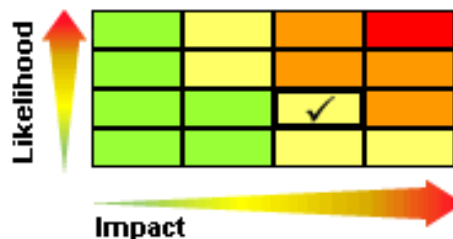
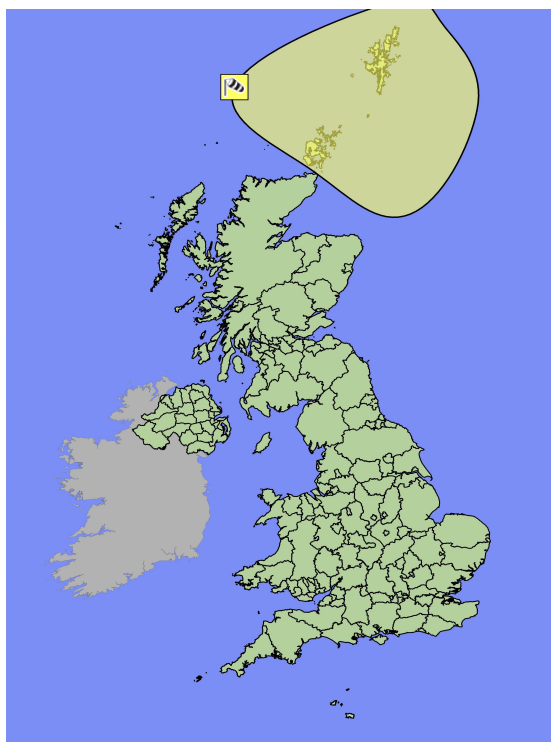




National Severe Weather Warning Service



Chief Forecasters Assessment

A series of active frontal systems will push northeastwards across the UK ahead of which very strong southeasterly flow will develop across northeast Scotland. The combination of severe gales, driving rain and large waves have the potential to cause further disruption to transport. While confidence is high for very strong winds, the likelihood of any snow is very uncertain at this stage.

The Met Office have issued a **Yellow Alert of Wind**

Valid from **18:00 on Sat, 22nd Dec 2012** until **23:55 on Sun, 23rd Dec 2012**

Southeasterly gales will develop across the Northern Isles during Saturday and become severe later on Saturday and for much of Sunday. Gusts of 70-80 mph are likely combined with driving rain and perhaps some sleet or snow at times. Winds should gradually ease from the south later on Sunday.

The public should be aware that this could cause continuing disruption to transport with greatest impacts likely in Shetland.

For more details please go to:

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